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SUBJECT: W/W REVIEW CASES OF ALL AMCIT PRISONERS

REF: STATE 194199 & 230071

1. ALLEGATION OF ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST - PER POST FILES, CONOFF VISITED GROUP OF THREE AMERICANS AT NOGALES ON MAY 27, 1974. ONLY ONE, CARL COHEN, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF. OTHER TWO REFUSED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES, BUT LATER INVESTIGATION DETERMINED ONE OF THEM WAS SCOBNEY. CONOFF REPORTS THAT "ONE OF THE UNNAMED" COMPLAINED THAT HE AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS WERE BEATEN AT TIME OF ARREST ON MAY 22, 1974. CONOFF NOTED THAT NONE OF THE THREE HAD ANY BRUISES OR MARKS ON THEIR BODIES. SINCE THAT DATE, SCOBNEY HAS NOT COMPLAINED OF ANY SUCH BEATINGS AND THEREFORE NO POST ACTION APPEAR NECESSARY.

2. PROLONGED TRIAL DETENTION - PER POST FILES, CONGEN RECEIVED LETTER FROM SCOBNEY'S SISTER ON MAY 27, 1975 THAT SCOBNEY HAD SPENT A YEAR IN PRISON WITHOUT BEING SENTENCED. CONOFF INFORMED SISTER ON MAY 30 THAT HE HAD TALKED TO SCOBNEY'S ATTORNEY WHO SAID IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FOR CONOFF TO INTERVENE AS IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SCOBNEY HIMSELF COMPLAINED ABOUT TRIAL DETENTION ON JUNE 27, 1975 LETTER. SCOBNEY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON IN JULY 1975.

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3. MEDICAL PROBLEMS - PER POST FILES, SCOBNEY COMPLAINED

IN A LETTER OF AUGUST 10, 1974 THAT HE HAD A HISTORY OF
ULCERS AND PRISON FOOD WAS HARMFUL TO HIS HEALTH. CONOFF
WROTE LETTER TO PRISON ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1974 EXPLAINING
SCOBESY'S CONDITION AND ASKING FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.
SCOBESY COMPLAINED ON FEBRUARY 26, 1975 ABOUT HIS VITAMINS
BEING CONFISCATED. NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT FOOD OR HEALTH SINCE
THAT TIME.

3. CONOFF VISITATION - PER POST FILES, CONOFF FIRST VISITED
SCOBESY ON MAY 27, 1974. SCOBESY HAS SINCE APPEARED AT VISITS
OF JULY 9, 1974, FEBRUARY 26, 1975 AND APRIL 28, 1975.
SCOBESY ASKED CONOFF TO VISIT MORE OFTEN BUT HE HAS NOT
APPEARED AT MONTHLY CONOFF VISITS SINCE THAT DATE.

5. BOND, BAIL, OR "FIANZA" - PER POST FILES, SCOBESY'S
SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS APPEARS TO MAKE HIM ELIGIBLE FOR
"FIANZA". CONOFF WILL INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF
"FIANZA" AT NEXT MONTHLY VISIT AT WHICH SCOBESY APPEARS.
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